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an electrolyte; and  
a battery case for accommodating the electrode group and the electrolyte; wherein:  
corona discharge treatment is performed on one of the positive electrode material and  
the positive electrode plate.

2. (Amended-Clean Text) The nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery according  
to claim 1, wherein corona discharge treatment is performed on one of the negative electrode  
material and the negative electrode plate.

3. (Amended-Clean Text) The nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery according  
to claim 1, wherein corona discharge treatment is performed on the separator.

Please add new claim 4 as follows:

---4. (Amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery according to claim  
2, wherein corona discharge treatment is performed on the separator.---

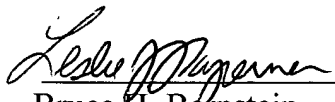
REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 1-3 have been amended and claim 4 has been added  
to delete multiple dependency. Also, the reference numbers in the claims have been deleted  
and claim 1 has been amended to correspond to the published application.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned  
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FOOTNOTES

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery comprising:

an electrode group including a positive electrode plate [(1, 21)] including a positive electrode material [(1a)], a negative electrode plate [(2, 22)], the positive and negative electrode plates being superposed and wound with a separator [(3, 23)] interposed therebetween;

an electrolyte; and

a battery case [(4, 27)] for accommodating the electrode group and the electrolyte;

wherein:

corona discharge treatment is performed on one of the positive electrode material [(1a)] and the positive electrode plate [(1, 21)].

2. (Amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery according to claim 1, wherein corona discharge treatment is performed on one of the negative electrode material [(2a)] and the negative electrode plate [(2, 22)].

3. (Amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte rechargeable battery according to claim 1 [one of claims 1 and 2], wherein corona discharge treatment is performed on the separator [(3, 23)].